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in jail as violators of Peron's anti-profiteering laws. My brother reported that his former classmates joked about their 90 day sentences in jail for doing business as usual.

2. One of brother's friends told him that he was arrested without warning and tried and sentenced the same day for violating a law he never knew existed and about which he knew nothing except that the President (Peron) had warned that prices must be cut.
3. My brother wrote he had been told that there were 70 prisoners charged with profiteering violations in the jail he visited in Buenos Aires. The prisoners were being treated generously by their jailers, visitors being allowed throughout the day and early evening. For 90 pesos per day (about US\$4.50 on the free market of exchange) their meals were brought in from a nearby restaurant. Visitors were allowed to bring them books, magazines and newspapers, which were examined briefly by the jailers.
4. My brother wrote that little was known about political prisoners except press and radio mention of their arrest or release. This statement leads me to believe my brother and family are not making any attempt to visit any political prisoners, no matter how close their friendship with our family in Buenos Aires.

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